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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/672,411	Applicant(s) BERGH ET AL.	
	Examiner James R. Scott	Art Unit 2832	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16-28, 35 and 36 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-15 and 30-34 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because the numerals are not properly illustrated since the numerals appear in different sizes and shapes. The figure legends are not uniform. Any other errors applicant may become aware of in the drawings must be corrected.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Funayama et al.

Applicants claim 1 calls for basically a relay and at least one pin insertable into a printed circuit board (PCB) The limitations are as follows:

1. An assembly for use with a printed circuit board (PCB), the assembly comprising : a relay assembly including a relay housing and a trip free reset assembly mounted within the housing and linked to other relay components mounted within the housing for manually resetting the relay after the relay is tripped, and

at least one pin linked to at least one of the relay components and including a distal end extending from the housing and suitable for direct connection to the PCB.

Applicants claim 29 contains similar limitations.

Funayama et al disclose in their patent at Figure 4 an illustration of a relay housing cover 202 and a terminal plate 201, which encapsulates the components of a relay assembly. At col. 10, lines 5-65, it is evident that the terminal plate is formed with holes for the insertion of terminals extending from the relay housing. Note in particular

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lines a7-21. At col. 15, lines 5-37, notably lines 32-37, it is taught that the relay and control circuitry are mounted to the same circuit board.

Cited References

Passow (759) and (801), Kuhn et al, Ono et al, Turnbull, Wallace et al, Scheib Jr., Esposito et al, Goetz, Dahl, Kimpel, Zuzuly, Hendel, Doyle and Muench constitute prior art cited by applicants related to relay assemblies.

Summary

Claims 1 and 29 are rejected. Claims 2-15 and 30-34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 16-28 and 35,36 are allowed.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James R. Scott whose telephone number is (571) 272-1999. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 1-5 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin G. Enad can be reached on (571) 272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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